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SPEAKING AT PM 8 OCT PLENARY IN GENERAL DEBATE, MEXICAN
PERMREP GARCIA ROBLES SAID:

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL GATHERING, WHICH WE ALSO CONSIDER
DESERVES A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT BY THIS ASSEMBLY, IS THE
THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH
WAS HELD RECENTLY INCARACAS. EVEN THOUGH THE CONFERENCE
DID NOT SUCCEED IN COMPLETING THE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX
TASK ENTRUSTED TO IT--THIS WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE BEGINNING TO
STATES CALLED UPON TO PARTICIPATE IN IT--AND THUS IT WILL CONTINUE
ITS EFFORTS AT A SECOND SESSION TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR,
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IMPORTANT PROGRESS WAS MADE ON
SOME FAR-REACHING ASPECTS.

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THE PROPOSAL FOR A 12 NAUTICAL MILE WIDE TERRITORIAL SEA
TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY AN ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ZONE, FOR

WHICH MEXICO HAS SUGGESTED THE NAME OF "PATRIMONIAL SEA",
WHERE IN THE MATTER OF THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION
OF ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE SEA AND OF ITS OIL AND SUBSOIL.
THEREOF, THE COASTAL STATE WOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS THAT
IT HAS IN ITS TERRITORIAL SEA--ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD IN NO WAY,
OF COURSE, AFFECT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT--
HAS ALREADY MET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF
STATES.

LIKEWISE, THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ZONE AND THE RESOURCES
OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF
BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONS JURISDICTION ARE THE COMMON
HERITAGE TO MANKIND, AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED TO ESTABLISH
AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY THAT WOULD GUARANTEE AN
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE RESOURCES DERIVED FROM
EXPLOITATION OF A ZONE, CONTINUED TO GAIN GROUND IN
THE WORK DONE IN VENEZUELA'S CAPITAL.

WE VENTURE TO HOPE THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THIS TASK, WHICH
WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN GENEVA, WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE IN 1975
TO SIGN AN INSTRUMENT THAT WILL FIND GENERAL ACCEPTANCE AND
LEAD TO THE CODIFICATION OF THE MANY FACETS OF THE LAW OF
THE SEA, EFFORTS WHICH IN SO FAR AS THE UNITED NATIONS IS CONCERNED
WERE STARTED IN 1958. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD BE TO THE BENEFIT OF
PROPERLY
UNDERSTOOD SELF-INTEREST, AS MUCH TO THE COASTAL
AND LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES AS TO THE
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